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TAGS: MOPS, PREL, PINS, RW  
SUBJECT: GENERAL DALLAIRE'S COMMENTS ON UNAMIR  
OPERATIONS TO A/S BENNET

1. DURING AN UNAMIR BRIEFING ON FEBRUARY 2, 1994 FOR A/S  
BENNET, GENERAL DALLAIRE (UNAMIR FORCE COMMANDER)  
PRESENTED HIS VIEWS ON THE PROGRESS OF UNAMIR'S  
OPERATIONS IN RWANDA AND HIGHLIGHTED SOME OF THE

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OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTICAL LIMITATIONS HE IS FACING WITH THIS MISSION.

2. GENERAL DALLAIRE SAID THAT THE UN MISSION IN RWANDA WAS STILL "A WINNER", DESPITE THE CURRENT DELAY IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BROAD BASED TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO THE GENERAL, RWANDANS STILL HAVE THE WILL TO IMPLEMENT THE PEACE ACCORDS AND REMAIN SUPPORTIVE OF UNAMIR AND ITS MANDATE.

3. YET, GENERAL DALLAIRE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT LOGISTICAL/OPERATIONAL DELAYS HAVE CONSTRAINED THE MISSION TO DATE. SPECIFICALLY, THE FACT THAT THE UN DOES NOT HAVE RAPIDLY DEPLOYABLE FORCES IN RESERVE, NO OFF THE SHELF STRATEGIC AIRLIFT AND NO READILY ACCESSIBLE OPERATIONAL STOCKS HAS MEANT THAT IT HAS TAKEN SEVERAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MONTHS FOR HIS FORCE TO GET FULLY ESTABLISHED ON THE GROUND. THIS DELAY HAS ALLOWED THE POLITICAL AND SECURITY SITUATION TO CHANGE AND AS SUCH HAS MADE THE OPERATION MORE COMPLEX THAN ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED.

4. DALLAIRE STRESSED, THEREFORE, THAT IF THE OBJECTIVE WAS TO KEEP DOWN PEACEKEEPING COSTS, LIMIT THE LENGTH OF MISSIONS, YET INCREASE OVERALL MISSION EFFECTIVENESS, THEN THE UN MUST HAVE A RAPID DEPLOYMENT CAPABILITY WHICH ALLOWS FORCE COMMANDERS "TO MAXIMIZE THE GOOD WILL CREATED WHEN PARTIES HAVE JUST SIGNED A PEACE AGREEMENT.... BEFORE OPPOSITION FORCES HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET ORGANIZED AND DELAY OR EVEN SCUTTLE A PEACE PROCESS AT BIRTH." IN THE CASE OF RWANDA, DALLAIRE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE CURRENT POLITICAL IMPASSE WILL BE BROKEN TO ALLOW FOR FURTHER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ARUSHA PEACE ACCORDS. RAWSON

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